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SUBJ: DISPUTE OVER REPLACEMENT OF PIRINCLIK ANTENNA REVEALS
BROADER PROBLEM

1. SUMMARY: TURKS ARE OPPOSINT U.S. PROPOSAL TO REPLACE
OLD TRACKING ANTENNA AT PIRINCLIK WITH ALMOST IDENTICAL NEW
ANTENNA. TURKS BASE OPPOSITION ON FACT THAT PIRINCLIK
IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT NOT REPEAT NOT CONCLUDED. WHILE
SOLUTION FOR PIRINCLIK ANTENNA MAY BE FOUND, DISCUSSIONS
HERE SUGGEST TURKS WILL SEEK IN GENERAL TO VETO NEW U.S. ACTIVITIES
OR SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN OLD ACTIVITIES UNTIL I.A.'S ARE SIGNED.
END SUMMARY.

2. ELEVEN YEAR-OLD AN/FPS-79 TRACKING ANTENNA AT
PIRINCLIK CDI IS DEVELOPING SERIOUS STRUCTURAL DEFECTS WHICH
COULD SOON LEAD TO ITS BECOMING INOPERATIVE OR COLLAPSING.
EMBASSY, ON JAN 10, 1974, NOTIFIED MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF INTENTION REPLACE OLD ANTENNA WITH UPDATED MODEL.

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PROJECT INVOLVED CONSTRUCTING NEW ANTENNA SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH

OLD ONE, DEMOLISHING OLD ONE ON COMPLETION NEW ONE. WORK WAS TO BE DONE BY SPECIALLY TRAINED ITALIAN TEAM. TURKISH PERMISSION WAS NOT REQUIRED SINCE PROJECT CLEARLY FALLS UNDER UPDATING PROVISIONS OF DCA, BUT GOT WAS NOTIFIED IN ORDER EXPEDITE IMPORT OF MATERIALS, ENTRY THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS, ETC.

3. ON APRIL 30, 1974, NOTE FROM MINISTRY ADVISED EMBASSY THAT MATTER "WILL BE GIVEN PROPER CONSIDERATION BY THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES CONCERNED UPON CONCLUSION OF THE PIRINCLIK CDI IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY GUIDELINES."

4. DURING BREAK IN I.A. NEGOTIATING SESSION MAY 8, MSA COUNSELOR BOEHM TOOK ASIDE ASULA (DEPUTY DIRGEN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, MFA) FOR DISCUSSION OF MATTER BOEHM EXPRESSED PUZZLEMENT OVR MINISTRY'S NOTE, SINCE (A) PROJECT WAS PATENT CASE OF UPDATING NOT REQUIRING GOT PERMISSION; (B) ANTENNA TO BE REPLACED WAS SUBJECT OF EXISTING AGREEMENT (EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN USILO AND TGS IN 1962, OF WHICH WE SUPPLIED ASULA WITH COPIES) AND (C) MOST SERIOUSLY, RATIONALE IN MINISTRY'S NOTE COULD BE VIEWED AS ATTEMPT TO APPLY PRESSURE ON U.S. SIDE IN I.A. NEGOTIATIONS. INVIEW VITAL IMPORTANCE OF ANTENNA,WE COULD NOT LET MATTER REST WHERE IT WAS.

5. IN RESPONSE, ASULA NOTED BUT NEITHER ACCEPTED NOR SOUGHT TO REBUT LEGAL SIDE OF OUR ARGUMENTATION. HE THEN DENIED THAT PURPOSE OF MINISTRY'S NOTE WAS TO APPLY PRESSURE IN I.A. NEGOTIATIONS. HE EXPLAINED SIGNIFICANCE OF NOTE AS FOLLOWED: DCA HAD BEEN SIGNED ALMOST FIVE YEARS AGO AND HAD PROVIDED THAT I.A. PROCESS BE COMPLETED WITHIN SHORT TIME THEREAFTER, NO I.A.'S HAD YET BEEN SIGNED. IT WAS MATTER OF URGENCY FOR GOT THAT I.A.'S BE COMPLETED, THUS PROVIDING DEFENSIBLE LEGAL BASIS FOR U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE AND ACTIVITIES. FOR U.S., ON OTHER HAND, SITUATION WAS NOT REPEAT NOT UNCOMFORTABLE. U.S. WAS CONTINUING NORMAL OPERATIONS, UNDERTAKING NEW PROJECTS, AND IN GENERAL WAS UNDER NO COMPLUSION TOWARD RAPID CONCLUSION OF I.A.'S. RECOGNIZED PRINCIPLE IN INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS
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WAS THAT MATTER UNDER NEGOTIATION NOT BECHANGED BY EITHER SIDE WHILE NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS. VIEW STRONGLY EMERGING WITHIN GOT WAS THAT THIS PRINCIPLE SHOULD BE APPLIED TO U.S. PRESENCE AND OPERATIONS IN TURKEY. OPERATIONS COULD CONTINUE AS IN PAST, BUT NOTHING NEW OR DIFFERENT SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN, NOR SHOULD SIGNIFICANT CHANGES BE MADE, UNTIL CONCLUSION OF I.A.'S UNLESS MATTERS OF EXTREME AND EVIDENT IMPORTANCE TO COMMON

DEFENSE WERE INVOLVED.

6. WE AGAIN POINTED OUT THAT DCA AUTHORIZED STREAMLINING AND UPDATING AS WELL AS CERTAIN OTHER CHANGES AT CDI'S WITHOUT PERMISSION OF GOT, AND CITED PIRINCLIK ANTENNA AS CASE IN POINT. WE ALSO STRESSED ESSENTIAL MISSION OF ANTENNA, OPERATION OF WHICH MANIFESTLY IMPORTANT TO SECURITY OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

7. WE FINALLY PERSUADED ASULA TO RE-EXAMINE ANTENNA QUESTION ON BASIS OF NOTE WE WILL SEND HIGHLIGHTING FACT THAT NEW ANTENNA IS ONE-FOR-ONE REPLACEMENT OF OLD ANTENNA AND THAT ITS OPERATION IS VITAL, BUT AVOIDING LEGAL ARGUMENTATION THAT WOULD PREJUDICE POSITION OF EITHER SIDE. ASULA WILL THEN UNDERTAKE TO HAVE QUESTION RE-EXAMINED WITHIN GOT, BUT HE STOPPED FAR SHORT OF PROMISING POSITIVE RESPONSE.

8. ON SAME DAY, DURING CONVERSATION WITH MFA SEC GEN EREZ, AMBASSADOR ALSO RAISED PIRINCLIK ANTENNA QUESTION. AMBASSADOR STRESSED U.S. RIGHTS UNDER DCA AND ASKED EREZ TO LOOK INTO MATTER, WHICH HE AGREED TO DO.

9. COMMENT: BOTH LEGAL ELEMENTS AND IMPORTANCE TO SECURITY MAKE OUR CASE ON PIRINCLIK ANTENNA SO STRONG THAT TURKS MAY DECIDE TO BACK DOWN ON THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT. BUT ASULA'S REMARKS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE MUST EXPECT GREAT DIFFICULTY IN IMPLEMENTING ANY NEW PROJECTS OR MAKING ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AT CDI'S UNTIL RMA'S ARE CONCLUDED.
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